

determined to tell you now all about it. I have had what the doctors call spasmodic asthma for many years and at times have almost passed out from strangulation. Coming to California seemed to benefit me—but even here I have had desperate struggles with this trouble. About six years ago I went on a long motor trip in an open touring car and when I returned I was suffering so with congestion that I went at once to an osteopath for help. The congested condition continued and I could not rest at night. I could not get a free breath and I finally told the doctor something else must be done. Then he recommended your remedy. I am not exaggerating when I say the first dose relieved the congestion and I slept. I took six bottles and for three years had no return of the trouble. Now if I feel a wheezy condition I take a few doses and it all goes. I have given it to many people who have been relieved entirely—just as I was and who are most grateful—* * * I have given it to only one person who says she cannot take it. She is a friend who has suffered for thirty years with many complications. Her stomach is so weakened by strong drugs that everything causes gas and she will not persevere with anything and tries everything. I am saying with all sincerity that I feel certain this Asthma remedy of yours has given me many comfortable years which would otherwise have been passed in suffering—if I had lived.’ * * * ‘I have had asthma for five years recently and also when I was a child. The doctors tell me I have a very severe case. Have just gotten over a terrible spell, so bad that I had to have no less than 10 hypodermic injections of morphine in as many days. I have tried nearly everything on the market. A week ago today a man told my husband of your medicine, and I have been taking it since with wonderful results. So far I have slept five nights out of seven and the other two nights I have had a spell around 1 o'clock in the morning (5 or 6 hours). My chief reason for writing you at present is to enquire if it would be all right to take an extra dose of medicine if a spell should come on in the night. If the medicine continues as it has begun I shall be a wonderful booster for it.’ * * * ‘It is with much pleasure that I write you telling you the great benefit your medicine has been to my daughter. She has had asthmatic attacks for eleven years and I cannot tell you how much she has suffered. Now only 21 years old and well in all ways but for the dreadful attacks. It is useless to tell you what she has taken for relief trying to effect a cure, all these years we have doctored. To be brief, the last attack was severe. Then she began taking your medicine. After taking two doses her breathing was good and to our amazement for two weeks she was free of the wheezing.’ * * * ‘I have been troubled with asthma a number of years, and have tried several so called medicines, but nothing has helped me as much as Hart's Swedish Asthma Medicine. I took one of your samples and one of the \$1.50 bottles; I am feeling much better and will recommend the medicine to all I see suffering with asthma.’ * * * ‘For some years past have used Hart's Swedish Asthma Medicine—not only myself and family, but recommended it to my friends.’ * * * ‘After a severe case of bronchitis, I developed asthma. I tried all the cures I had ever heard of and all the doctors. A change of climate did me no good. For months at a time I slept in a chair. My own family doctor brought me a bottle of your medicine and said he knew of a man that it had relieved. I was tired out from lack of sleep and trying to breathe. They gave me a teaspoonful and in less than five minutes I was asleep. I slept twenty hours. The first rest I had had in nine long weeks. I took two bottles at that time and had no more asthma for two years. Lately I developed a bronchial cold and the asthma was coming back. I took one-half a bottle but with the first teaspoonful the asthma left me. Your medicine means more to me than you can ever know.’”

On December 6, 1933, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

21784. Misbranding of Primley's Extract of Sarsaparilla. U. S. v. 12 Packages of Primley's Extract of Sarsaparilla. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 31042. Sample no. 34153-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation involved in this case disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed on the bottle and carton labels.

It was also labeled to convey the misleading impression that it derived its principal physiological effects from sarsaparilla and that it had been examined and approved by the Government.

On September 5, 1933, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 12 packages of Primley's Extract of Sarsaparilla at Des Moines, Iowa, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about November 12, 1930, by the McKesson-Churchill Drug Co., from Peoria, Ill., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this Department showed that it consisted essentially of potassium iodide, 1 gram per 100 milliliters, extracts of plant drugs, including a laxative drug, alcohol, sugar, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative and therapeutic effects, appearing on the bottle label and carton, were false and fraudulent: (Bottle label) "An invaluable remedy for the diseases of the Blood and Liver * * * for Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Scurvy, Boils, Pimples, Biliousness, Chronic Sore Eyes, Fever Sores, Swelling of the Glands, Jaundice, Liver Complaint, Female Irregularities, General Debility, Syphilis, Pain in the Back, Night Sweats, Scald Head, Rheumatism, and as a Spring and Fall Purifier of the blood. Directions The Dose for adults is from one to two tablespoonfulls taken four times a day, half an hour before eating and on going to bed. The dose should be regulated according to the condition or constitution of the patient: only enough should be taken to keep the bowels open and regular. Regularity in taking this medicine is of great importance. Children from 1 to 2 years old may take half a teaspoonful 3 times a day: from 3 to 5 years old, 1 teaspoonful 3 times a day. It may be taken in water if more agreeable"; (carton) "For all Diseases Of The Blood And Liver Recommended Cutaneous Eruptions, Pimples on the face, Blotches: Scald Head Liver Complaint, Boils, Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetters, Piles, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Hip Disease, Swelling of the Glands, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas: Jaundice, Eczema, Ringworm, Loss of Appetite, Scrofula, (Or King's Evil) General Debility, Night Sweats and as a Spring and Fall Purifier of the Blood. Is composed of vegetable remedies, all of which are known to the medical profession as taking front rank in curing the diseases of the Blood and Liver. * * * and now offer to suffering humanity a medicine that is positively unequalled for the diseases for which it is recommended. We do not put it out as a 'cure all,' but recommend it only for those diseases where its trial has proved it will cure or benefit. Often times it may be necessary to use several bottles to effect a cure, but generally one or two bottles will cure all but the most stubborn cases."

Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the name on the carton and bottle label, "Extract of Sarsaparilla", was false and misleading, since the article would not derive its principal physiological effect from sarsaparilla; and for the further reason that the statement on the carton, "No. 2057. Guaranteed by us under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, '06", was misleading, since it created the impression that the article had been examined and approved by the Government and that the Government guaranteed that it complied with the law, whereas it had not been approved by the Government, and the Government did not guarantee that it complied with the law.

On December 11, 1933, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

21785. Misbranding of Hyssop Compound. U. S. v. 33 Bottles of Hyssop Compound. Default decree of destruction. (F. & D. no. 30477. Sample no. 35800-A.)

Examination of the drug product, Hyssop Compound, disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed on the bottle label and in a circular shipped with the article. The article contained less alcohol than was declared and bore on the bottle label a guaranty which conveyed the misleading impression that it had been approved by the Government.

On May 20, 1933, the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district